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WATERFOWL SURVEY PLANS COMPLETED

Plans for the annual waterfowl breeding ground surveys to be conducted in Canada and the United States (including Alaska) this spring and summer were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

Basic information to guide officials of both countries in drafting appropriate regulations for hunting wild ducks, geese, and coots during the 1954-55 season will be gathered.

In compliance with United States and Canadian responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty, field projects designed to produce a forecast of fall flights have been arranged. Details have been worked out jointly by the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

The surveys will be made by the two services in cooperation with Provincial wildlife workers, State fish and game departments, Ducks Unlimited, and the Wildlife Management Institute.

Aerial and ground observations, beginning in May and extending to the hunting season, will bring forth pertinent facts about breeding pairs, water conditions, and the new generation of birds. By means of the latest sampling methods, representative data will be obtained from all corners of the North American Continent where waterfowl are known to breed.

Emphasis will be placed on banding operations as a basis for future studies of hunting pressures, mortality rates, and bird distributions.

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FISHING LICENSES SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>	<u>Total Licenses</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1933	4,553,441	304,617	4,858,058	\$ 6,775,370
1934	4,602,446	253,499	4,855,945	6,586,810
1935	4,710,771	410,549	5,121,320	7,009,009
1936	5,277,431	555,017	5,832,448	8,002,887
1937	6,254,478	667,109	6,901,587	9,309,949
1938	6,751,811	684,366	7,436,177	10,220,788
1939	7,111,545	746,730	7,858,275	10,837,168
1940	7,131,649	799,505	7,931,154	11,227,504
1941	7,151,754	852,280	8,004,034	11,617,841
1942	7,501,688	921,530	8,423,218	10,731,040
1943	7,283,777	744,897	8,028,674	10,024,329
1944	7,208,569	621,908	7,830,477	9,840,073
1945	7,522,373	757,859	8,280,232	10,580,311
1946	9,975,618	1,093,099	11,068,717	15,003,796
1947	11,155,766	1,464,698	12,620,464	22,667,301
1948	12,479,123	1,598,838	14,077,961	27,324,644
1949	13,587,224	1,891,346	15,478,570	32,657,940
1950	13,308,667	2,029,091	15,337,758	34,018,009
1951	13,871,278	2,155,421	16,026,699	35,554,285
1952	14,819,671	2,308,225	17,127,896	33,609,539
1953	15,134,182	2,518,396	17,652,478	35,602,903

The above statistics were compiled from reports furnished by State Fish and Game Departments. Due to incomplete returns the data for fiscal year 1940 was based upon estimates.

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HUNTING LICENSES AND FEDERAL DUCK STAMPS SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES

<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Licenses</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Duck</u> <u>Stamps</u>
1923	4,307,066	34,432	4,341,498	45,385,489	-
1924	4,357,410	37,628	4,395,038	5,594,982	-
1925	4,862,889	42,851	4,904,740	6,190,864	-
1926	5,287,194	45,181	5,332,375	7,130,101	-
1927	5,949,247	48,913	5,998,160	8,194,673	-
1928	6,413,454	49,101	6,462,555	9,338,174	-
1929	6,376,699	52,062	6,428,761	9,391,412	-
1930	6,842,381	58,553	6,900,934	10,017,564	-
1931	6,320,262	47,252	6,367,514	9,899,195	-
1932	5,739,688	36,946	5,776,634	9,122,699	-
1933	5,701,061	36,947	5,741,965	8,754,827	-
1934	5,876,083	41,962	5,918,045	9,068,882	-
1935	5,939,849	48,215	5,988,064	9,256,759	635,001
1936	6,604,745	53,413	6,658,158	10,466,237	448,204
1937	6,806,291	53,719	6,860,010	11,348,006	603,263
1938	6,849,047	54,353	6,903,400	11,498,413	783,039
1939	7,453,814	57,485	7,511,299	12,494,877	1,002,715
1940	7,580,125	66,068	7,646,193	12,998,168	1,111,561
1941	7,847,922	76,830	7,924,822	14,464,478	1,260,810
1942	8,441,560	90,794	8,532,354	13,921,974	1,437,220
1943	7,999,770	91,417	8,091,187	13,598,423	1,380,092
1944	7,383,731	107,411	7,491,142	13,530,313	1,164,191
1945	8,036,538	154,363	8,190,901	15,512,252	1,479,465
1946	9,597,978	256,335	9,854,313	19,805,443	1,725,505
1947	11,673,215	393,548	12,066,763	28,558,447	2,016,819
1948	11,210,858	180,952	11,391,810	29,814,327	1,722,677
1949	12,534,456	224,242	12,758,698	34,966,687	2,127,598
1950	12,441,145	196,656	12,637,801	37,641,049	1,954,734
1951	12,448,739	212,254	12,660,993	38,138,738	1,903,644
1952	13,618,925	283,503	13,902,428	36,993,668	2,167,767
1953	14,480,989	322,159	14,803,148	40,551,316	2,296,628

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